



## Media Release

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### **Rep. Shankland Thanks Governor Evers for Supporting UW-Stevens Point in Biennial Budget & Capital Budget Recommendations**

STEVENS POINT – On February 16, Governor Tony Evers debuted his [2021-23 Biennial State Budget](#), which includes a \$325,000 allocation in each year of the biennium for the Wisconsin Institute of Sustainable Technology (WIST) at the University of Wisconsin- Stevens Point (UWSP). On February 22, Governor Evers also released his [2021-23 Capital Budget Recommendations](#), which provides \$96 million with which to fund the replacement of Albertson Hall on the UWSP campus.

Rep. Katrina Shankland (D-Stevens Point) released the following statement in response:

“In addition to strong investments in higher education institutions across Wisconsin in the governor’s budget proposal, I am thankful for Governor Evers’ attention to UW-Stevens Point in his proposed biennial state budget and capital budget recommendations. The funding he has included for the Wisconsin Institute for Sustainable Technology and the replacement of Albertson Hall are urgently needed, and I will be advocating for these investments throughout every step of the budget process.

“Wisconsin is a proud manufacturing state and has been the number one paper-producing state in the United States for decades, a legacy that is furthered by the Wisconsin Institute for Sustainable Technology. WIST provides research, laboratory services, and education for business and industry partners in Central Wisconsin and beyond. WIST also manages the pilot paper machine, which contracts with paper manufacturers and allied businesses while supporting the undergraduate paper sciences program at UWSP. After years of lacking state support, this new funding proposed by Governor Evers will allow WIST to thrive and continue to offer its unique and vital services to our state.

“We all know that deferring building maintenance and construction only adds to the final cost down the road. Albertson Hall couldn’t be a better example of this. The cost to renovate Albertson Hall after nearly a decade of legislative inaction now exceeds 90% of the building’s value. After years of advocating for Albertson Hall to be included in the capital budget, I appreciate Governor Evers listening to our community and responding by including this funding in his proposed capital budget.

“Governor Evers got the ball rolling with these proposed investments, and now it’s up to the Legislature to make sure they become reality. After years of advocating for both WIST and Albertson Hall, I intend to do everything I can to see this critical funding in the budget across the finish line.”

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